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SUBJECT: MID-TERM EXCHANGES REVIEW:/ARTICLE I AND III

1. SUMMARY: US-ROMANIAN MID-TERM EXCHANGES REVIEW OF ARTICLES I AND III PROCEEDED SMOOTHLY FEBRUARY 11 WITH BOTH SIDES NOTING SUCCESSES AND ACKNOWLEDGING THE SEVERAL AREAS WHERE PROBLEMS HAVE ARISEN. ROMANIANS WERE FRANK IN ADMITTING SHORTFALLS BUT STRESSED THESE RESULT FROM INTERNAL ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUSTMENTS NOW UNDERWAY AND IN NO WAY INDICATE A DESIRE BY GOR TO REDUCE SCOPE OF THE EXISTING EXCHANGES PROGRAM. END SUMMARY.

2. OPENING SESSION: ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN GREETED MINISTER GLIGA AND SPOKE FOR ABOUT TEN MINUTES (NOT COUNTING CONSECUTIVE INTERPRETATION). (COPY OF HIS REMARKS POUNCHED DUNLOP-VIETS FEBRUARY 11 LETTER.)

3. MINISTER GLIGA RESPONDED IN CHARACTERISTICALLY FORTHRIGHT MANNER, SPEAKING WITHOUT PREPARED TEXT FROM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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NOTES TAKEN DURING MR. HARTMAN'S OPENING REMARKS. GLIGA DESCRIBED THE AGREEMENT AND PROGRAM AS "ESSENTIAL ELEMENT IN RELATIONS BETWEEN US" REFLECTING SPIRIT OF DEC. 1973 DECLARATION OF PRESIDENT AND AUG. 75 PRESIDENTIAL

COMMUNIQUE. WITHOUT GLOSSING OVER NON-FULFILLMENT OF

OF ALL GOALS FOR PROGRAM IN 1975, HE SAID "EXCELLENT RESULTS" ACHIEVED IN SOME AREAS REFLECT "MUTUAL INTERESTS" OF BOTH SIDES. HE ENDORSED MR. HARTMAN'S STRESS ON DIRECT PRIVATE COOPERATION WHICH YIELDS SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL BENEFITS FOR ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT. HE SAID "OVERALL ACHIEVEMENTS" UNDER PROGRAM DEMONSTRATED PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND EQUALITY AT WORK BETWEEN LARGE AND SMALL STATES.

4. GLIGA THEN NOTED THAT MR. HARTMAN HAD "DELICATELY DESCRIBED DIFFICULTIES WE HAVE HAD (WITH PROGRAM) IN 1975" AND SAID GOR DOES NOT WANT TO OVERLOOK THESE AND WISHES "TO DISCUSS THEM OPENLY TO CREATE CONDITIONS FOR SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION" IN 1976. GLIGA EMPHASIZED GOR IMPLEMENTATION DIFFICULTIES IN 1975 DO NOT "REPRESENT IN ANY WAY A DESIRE TO CHANGE THE FRAMEWORK" OF THE PROGRAM. HE SAID GOR WISHES TO CONTINUE COOPERATION IN ALL FIELDS IN THE PROGRAM. HE STRESSED GOR IS UNDERGOING A "REORIENTATION OF PRIORITIES" UNDER THE NEW FIVE YEAR PLAN WHICH IMPLIES NO REFLECTION ON RELATIONS WITH U.S.

5. GLIGA REGRETTED THAT INTERNAL DEVELOPMENTS HAVE "INTERFERED WITH RELATIONS" UNDER THE PROGRAM. HE PROMISED THAT GOR PRIORITIES UNDER THE PROGRAM WOULD BE DISCUSSED DURING REVIEW AND WOULD BE CLARIFIED IN THE "NEAR FUTURE." HE SAID GOR WOULD FULFILL THE PROGRAM QUOTAS IN 1976 AND EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR REFERENCES BY MR. HARTMAN REGARDING "FLEXIBILITY" AND THE USE OF SHORT-TERM GRANTS WITH WHICH GOR AGREES. GLIGA ADMITTED HOWEVER THAT UNFILLED SLOTS IN 1975 COULD NOT BE MADE UP IN 1976.

6. GLIGA ALSO WELCOMED DIRECT PRIVATE COOPERATION AGREEMENTS AND SAID MATAACHE TALKS WITH IREX WILL LEAD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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TO NEW EXCHANGES. HE EXPRESSED SPECIAL INTEREST IN U.S. BICENTENNIAL AND SAID GOR IS WORKING ON PROGRAMS AS MENTIONED IN AUGUST 1975 COMMUNIQUE. IN SAME CONTEXT HE EXPRESSED HOPE ROMANIAN CENTENNIAL IN 1977 WOULD ALSO BE OBSERVED IN U.S. HE SAID ROMANIAN GROUP WOULD PARTICIPATE IN SMITHSONIAN FOLK LION FESTIVAL-BUT REGRETTED GOR STILL HAS NOT FOUND SOLUTION TO PROBLEM OF INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION FOR BULANDRA. (COMMENT: MITRAN SAID LATER THIS IS "NOT A CLOSED SUBJECT AND THAT AMBASSADORS WOULD TALK TO U.S. BUSINESS FIRMS ENGAGED IN ROMANIA ABOUT IT." END COMMENT.) IN CLOSING, GLIGA SAID HE SHARED VIEW EXPRESSED IN MR. HARTMAN'S STATEMENT

RE RELATIONSHIP OF AGREEMENT AND PROGRAM TO CSCE FINAL ACT.

7. SINCE MITRAN WAS REQUIRED TO ACCOMPANY GLIGA DURING APPOINTMENTS OUTSIDE TALKS, HE, MATAACHE AND ROMANIAN EMBOFFS HAD HELD INFORMAL BUT VERY USEFUL PRELIMINARY MEETINGS WITH U.S. SIDE ON FEBRUARY 10. DURING THOSE MEETINGS, MITRAN ADDRESSED SAME POINTS AS GLIGA IN RESPONDING TO OUR CONCERNS. FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL ITEMS ARE NOTEWORTHY:

-- HOUSING: MFA WILL "INSIST" THAT BUCHAREST CITY COUNCIL PROVIDE BETTER HOUSING FOR AMERICAN GRANTEES, AND EXPECTS BUCHAREST MAYOR TO PROVIDE CONCRETE SOLUTION TO THESE PROBLEMS IN NEAR FUTURE.

-- COOPERATION WITH PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS: MITRAN SAID THAT MINED HAS POLICY NOT ONLY TO PERMIT, BUT TO PROMOTE SUCH COOPERATION. PAST PROBLEMS IN IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS POLICY HAVE ARISEN HOWEVER, PRIMARILY BECAUSE ROMANIAN INSTITUTIONS HAVE INSUFFICIENT QUALIFIED STAFF TO PERMIT LARGE NUMBERS TO GO ABROAD.

-- ACCESS TO ARCHIVES: WHILE NOT DOWN-PLAYING IMPORTANCE OF ROMANIAN SECURITY REGULATIONS, MITRAN SUGGESTED AMERICAN SCHOLARS BE MORE PRECISE IN THEIR PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS IN ORDER TO AVOID PROBLEMS OF ACCESS TO ARCHIVES.

-- DEADLINES: MITRAN SAID END OF FEBRUARY DEADLINE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REGRETTABLY WILL NOT BE MET, BUT HE PERSONALLY BELIEVES NOMINATIONS WOULD BE RECEIVED BY END OF MARCH. COMMENT: WE ADVISED MITRAN THAT NO GUARANTEES OF PLACEMENTS COULD BE MADE FOR NOMINATIONS RECEIVED AFTER DEADLINE. END COMMENT.

-- SHORT-TERM VISITS: MITRAN WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN OUR WILLINGNESS TO RECEIVE ROMANIANS FOR SHORT-TERM VISITS. COMMENT: WE POINTED OUT THAT CAREFUL PREPARATION IS ESSENTIAL FOR SUCH A PROGRAM, AND WE WOULD NEED TO KNOW DETAILS (AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION, LENGTH OF STAY, AND OBJECTIVES) AT LEAST TWO MONTHS IN ADVANCE OF ARRIVAL. END COMMENT.

-- 60-40 FORMULA: MITRAN QUICKLY PICKED UP OUR SUGGESTION THAT FIELDS SUCH AS MANAGEMENT, ECONOMICS, WORKER MOTIVATION, AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COULD BE USED TO A GREATER DEGREE SINCE THESE FIELDS WOULD NOT BE COUNTED AS PURE AND APPLIED SCIENCES, BUT WOULD STILL HELP MEET ROMANIA'S DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES.

8. REVIEW OF ARTICLE I WAS HELD MORNING OF FEB. 11,
CHAIRIED BY ROMANIAN EMBOFF PLOSCARU SIDE AND RICHMOND
ON U.S. SIDE; HIGHLIGHTS FOLLOW:

-- A. PLOSCARU SAID MINED INTENDS TO NOMINATE FOR
FULL QUOTA OF 35 STUDENTS AND RESEARCHERS IN 1976-77
ACADEMIC YEAR; MINED NOMINATIONS WILL INCLUDE FOUR
FROM MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE. RICHMOND STRESSED U.S.
WILLINGNESS TO RECEIVE NOMINATIONS IN FIELDS OF MANAGE-
MENT, TRADE, ECONOMIC PLANNING AND OTHER NON-SCIENTIFIC
FIELDS PURSUANT TO 60-40 FORMULA. ALSO INDICATED
WILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE SHORT-TERM LECTURERS IN SCIENTIFIC
FIELDS.

-- B. ROMANIANS EXPRESSED PARTICULAR INTEREST IN OUR
WILLINGNESS TO RECEIVE ROMANIANS FOR SHORT-TERM VISITS,
A SUGGESTION WE MADE IN ORDER TO CUT DOWN WEIGHT OF LONG-
TERM ACADEMIC EXCHANGE. HOWEVER, AT THIS POINT, IT IS
NOT CLEAR WHETHER ROMANIANS INTEND TO SUBSTITUTE SHORT-
TERM FOR LONG-TERM ACADEMIC VISITS. WE WILL ATTEMPT TO
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CLARIFY THIS WITH MITRAN AND HOPE TO REACH UNDERSTANDING
THAT LONG-TERM GRANTS WILL BE REDUCED IN FAVOR OF SHORT-
TERM WHICH WOULD BE BETTER DESIGNED TO MEET ROMANIAN
NEEDS (AND CU BUDGET REQUIREMENTS). IN ADDITION, SHIFT
TO SHORTER GRANTS WOULD HAVE TO BE CAREFULLY PLANNED
WITH CLEAR DEFINITION OF ROMANIAN OBJECTIVES, AREAS OF
SPECIALIZATION, LENGTH OF STAY, AND PARTICIPANTS' QUALI-
FICATIONS PROVIDED TO US AT LEAST TWO MONTHS IN ADVANCE
OF ARRIVAL.

-- C. RE DEFINITION OF ROMANIAN PRIORITIES, WE HAVE
YET TO HEAR ANYTHING SUGGESTING THEY HAVE COME UP WITH
AN "OPERATIONAL ONE". WE HAVE HEARD A GOOD BIT ABOUT
ROMANIA'S DESIRE TO ACHIEVE "SCIENTIFIC, ECONOMIC AND
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT", BUT THIS CHATTER HAS YET TO
TRANSLATE ITSELF INTO SPECIFIC PROGRAMS.

-- D. PLOSCARU SAID IORGA CHAIR AT COLUMBIA WOULD BE
FILLED THIS YEAR AND HISTORIAN WOULD BE SENT TO YALE.
HE ALSO ANNOUNCED GOR APPROVALS FOR FIVE NOMINEES
UNDER ARTICLES I AND II.
E. RICHMOND INFORMED ROMANIAN SIDE THAT CIES
NEEDS FULLER DESCRIPTION OF REQUIREMENTS FOR ACADEMY OF
ECONOMIC SCIENCES LECTURESHIP.

-- F. PLOSCARU WAXED ENTHUSIASTICALLY ABOUT PRIVATE
DIRECT COOPERATION UNDER ARTICLE I. (6) AND CITED
DARTMOUTH AND ILLINOIS AGREEMENTS. PROBLEMS EMBASSY

HAS EXPERIENCED WITH BOTH OF THESE WERE EXPLAINED TO PLOSCARU BY PAO FERNANDEZ. PLOSCARU ALSO SAID GOR INTERESTED IN U. MASS. ROMANIAN STUDIES CENTER AND WELCOMED ITS ESTABLISHMENT. HE ALSO POINTED OUT U. BUCHAREST PROGRAM WITH COUNCIL FOR APPLIED LINGUISTICS PROCEEDING SATISFACTORILY. HE SAID MANKATO COLLEGE IS SEEKING A AGREEMENT WITH CLUJ. (COMMENT: PAO FERNANDEZ WILL CALL MANKATO TO DISCUSSTHIS. END COMMENT.) PLOSCARU CITED POSSIBLE AGREEMENT BETWEEN JOHNS HOPKINS AND INSTITUTE OF CONSTRUCTION ON WHICH WE WILL SEEK MORE DETAIL. HE SAID NEBRASKA AND IOWA STATE AGRICULTURE PROGRAMS OF VITAL INTEREST TO GOR; LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HOWEVER, U.S. UNIVERSITIES UNABLE TO FINANCE. (COMMENT: WE ARE PURSUING THIS DIRECTLY WITH UNIVERSITIES, AND ARE PREPARED TO CONSIDER CANDIDATES IN AGRICULTURE UNDER ARTICLE I, IF MINED WILL NOMINATE.)

-- G. RE DECREE 95, WE HAVE FOUND ROMANIANS VERY DEFENSIVE IN DISCUSSIONS ABOUT IT. PLOSCARU TOLD US IT IS A "DOMESTIC DECREE AND DOES NOT SIGNAL ANY CHANGES IN THE ROMANIAN SOCIAL SYSTEM", WHICH STILL DID NOT PROVIDE ASSURANCES WE SEEK. MITRAN PROVIDED THESE IN DISCUSSION OF ARTICLE II ON FEBRUARY 12 WHEN HE STATED IT APPLIES "ONLY TO PERSONS WHO GO ABROAD AS SALARIED EMPLOYEES AND NOT TO THOSE HOLDING FELLOWSHIPS." MATACHE GAVE SIMILAR ASSURANCES TO IREX ON MONDAY.

-- H. RE EXTENSIONS, PLOSCARU EXPLAINED GOR INSISTENCE UPON HAVING GRANTEES RETURN PERTAINS TO COUNTRY'S "LABOR POLICY" AND THAT THEY ARE NEEDED AT HOME FOR PRODUCTION DUTIES WHEN GOR TURNS DOWN EXTENSION. EVIDENT THAT APPROVAL OF ROMANIAN SPONSORING INSTITUTION STILL REQUIRED HENCE, NO CHANGE IN POLICY. RICHMOND POINTED OUT THAT PROBLEMS ARISE WHEN GOR OR ITS EMBASSY FAILS TO PROVIDE DECISION RE EXTENSION OR REFUSAL ON TIME AND THAT GRANTEE CAN FALL "OUT OF STATUS" CREATING IMMIGRATION PROBLEMS.

-- I. RE DEADLINES, BOTH SIDES AGREED THEY ARE REALISTIC, ALTHOUGH ROMANIAN SIDE DOES NOT EXPECT TO HAVE NOMINATIONS READY UNTIL LATE MARCH--DESPITE END OF FEBRUARY DEADLINE IN IMPLEMENTING CONDITIONS. WE CAUTIONED THAT NO GUARANTEES OF PLACEMENTS COULD BE MADE FOR NOMINATIONS RECEIVED AFTER DEADLINE.

J. RE ARTICLE I (8) PROVISION FOR CONFERENCE, PLOSCARU RAISED IT AT CLOSE OF SESSION AND EXPLAINED ROMANIAN SIDE WISHES TO HOLD SYMPOSIUM IN BUCHAREST

WITH AMERICAN SPECIALISTS TO DISCUSS "INTEGRATION OF
EDUCATION AND PRODUCTION. WE FORESEE SOME FUNDING
PROBLEMS ON OUR SIDE WITH THIS BUT ARE WILLING TO CON-
SIDER IT, FOR FY 77 UNDER RECIPROCAL PROGRAM WHERE
RECEIVING SIDE PAYS IN-COUNTRY COSTS.

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-- K. PLOSCARU SAID GOR WELCOMED U.S.-ROMANIAN HISTORIANS
SEMINAR AT UOULDER NEXT AUTUMN ORGANIZED BY PROFESSOR
FISCHER-GALATI, HE SAID ROMANIAN SIDE IS INTERESTED IN
HAVING THEIR PARTICIPANTS ALSO GO TO WAYNE STATE FOR
SEMINAR ORGANIZED BY PROFESSOR RICARD BURKS WHILE THEY
ARE IN COUNTRY.

-- L. DISCUSSION OF HOUSING AND ACCESS PROBLEMS REVEALED
NOTING NEW IN ROMANIAN POSITION; HOWEVER, PLOSCARU READ
LETTER FROM MINED SAYING THAT FULBRIGHT LECTURER HERBERT
IZZO AD MADE HOSTILE STATEMENTS ABOUT ROMANIA AND SOUGHT
TO INTRODUCE "COLD WAR" LITERATURE IN ONE OF HIS COURSES.
PLOSCARU REPORTED THIS IN HIS CUSTOMARILY BLUNT FASHION
BUT DID NOT SEEK TO MAKE DEVISIVE POINT ABOUT IT. IN
FACT, HE ONLY RAISED THIS MATTER WHEN WE BROUGHT UP
HOUSING PROBLEMS OF HINDEN, IZZO, MOSKOFF ET AL.

9. RE IOWA PROGRAM, PLOSCARU CITED KEOUGH-POPESCU TALKS
LAST MAY AND CATALOGUE OF RESERVATIONS ROMANIAN SIDE
HAS EXPRESSED ABOUT PROGRAM TO EM6ASSY IN PAST. WE
TABLED WITH ROMANIANS THE THREE ALTERNATIVE PROPOSALS
FOR A WRITERS' PROGRAM AS DISCUSSED WITH WRITERS UNION
PRESIDENT TEODORESCU LAST DECEMBER; ROMANIAN SIDE TOOK
NOTE.

10. WE ASKED ROMANIAN SIDE TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER
M.J. GAL, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF ROMANIAN STATE ARCHIVES
WOULD ACCEPT INVITATION FROM U.S. NATIONAL ARCHIVES
TO ATTEND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ARCHIVES IN
WASHINGTON SEPTEMBER 27-OCTOBER 1, 1976, PURSUANT TO
ARTICLE III. (9). ROMANIAN SIDE SAID THEY WOULD LOOK
INTO THIS.

11. WE UNDERSTAND GLIGA IS TRAVELING DIRECTLY FROM
WASHINGTON TO WARSAW FOR THE LOS CONFERENCE, LEAVING
HERE FEBRUARY 14. MITRAN IS RETURNING TO BUCHAREST
FEBRUARY 15. KISSINGER

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